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SUBJECT: UK POSITION ON COMMON COMMUNITY ENERGY STRATEGY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 6837

1. EC COMMISSIONER SIMONET CALLED AMBASSADOR GREENWALD TO
REPORT ON HIS MEETINGS IN LONDON ON A COMMON COMMUNITY

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ENERGY STRATEGY. THE QUESTION IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE EC

COUNCIL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17 SIMONET SAID THE UK WOULD ACCEPT EVERYTHING IN THE COMMON STRATEGY EXCEPT ONE PARAGRAPH. THIS PARAGRAPH NOW READS (INFORMAL MISSION TRANSLATION): BEGIN QUOTE (THE COUNCIL) UNDERLINES THAT THIS COMMUNITY ENERGY POLICY WILL PERMIT THE COMMUNITY TO EXPRESS ITSELF MORE AND MORE AS A COMMUNITY IN ENERGY MATTERS VIS-A-VIS THE OUTSIDE; THIS POLICY IMPLIES A CLOSE COORDINATION OF POSITION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY WHICH WILL PERMIT THE COMMUNITY TO EXPRESS PROGRESSIVELY A COMMON POINT OF VIEW ON PROBLEMS TOUCHING ON COOPERATION WITH PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND OTHER CONSUMING COUNTRIES. END QUOTE. SIMONET DID NOT COMMENT ON WHAT IT WAS ABOUT THAT LANGUAGE THAT BOTHERED THE BRITISH, OR HOW THEY PROPOSE TO CHANGE IT.

2. KELLY, COUNSELOR AT THE UK DELEGATION, HAS TOLD US THAT CALLAGHAN WILL HANDLE THE ISSUE IN BRUSSELS WHICH KELLY CONSIDERS A POSITIVE SIGN. KELLY DESCRIBED THE CHANGES WHICH THE UK WILL PROPOSE IN THE JULY 23 DRAFT RESOLUTION AS REASONABLE. HE BELIEVES THEY WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHERS AND, THEREFORE, THE RESOLUTION WILL BE ADOPTED. ACCORDING TO KELLY, SIMONET WAS TOLD IN LONDON THAT THIS TIME IT WOULD NOT BE THE BRITISH RESPONSIBLE FOR HOLDING UP AGREEMENT.

3. SIMONET'S CABINET HAS INFORMED US THAT THE EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES HAVE NOT DEALT WITH THIS ISSUE, LEAVING IT TO THE MINISTERS. GREENWALD

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